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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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**DRAWING MODIFICATIONS**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 16, 2003

Sir:

The following drawing modifications are submitted in response to the Official

Action mailed February 26, 2003,

## Remarks

In response to the first Office Action mailed February 26, 2003, please find the attached modified drawings. Although the original drawings have been modified, more formal drawings reflecting all approved changes will be submitted after Applicant has received a Notice of Allowance. In accordance with the revised amendment format, no red markings are included on the attached drawings. Changes to the figures will be described below.

In the first Office Action, Figures 1-5 were objected to because the figure numbers were approximately the same size as the reference numbers. This discrepancy has been corrected in the modified drawings - the figure numbers in the attached drawings are substantially larger than the reference numbers.

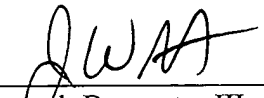
Additionally, Figure 4 of the original drawing included a top view of the filter group, and a profile view of the electrical conductor flange. In the modified drawings, the profile view of the electrical conductor has been designated as Figure 4A, and the lines connecting the drawings have been eliminated.

It is respectfully submitted that these drawing modifications resolve all outstanding issues and place the drawings in condition for acceptance. Should the Examiner believe that additional discussion would advance the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to deposit account no.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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